

Culmington Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting on 2nd July 2024

Members: Councillors Mr M Seabrook (Chair), Mr A Pike (Vice Chair), Mr Ian Alderson, Mrs M Holland and Mr I Steele. **In Attendance:** Cllr Cecilia Motley (Shropshire Council) and H Coonick (Clerk/RFO)

1. **Receive Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Mrs C Byng, Ms J Mear and Mr J Turley.
2. **Declarations of Interest relating to this meeting:** None
3. **Public Involvement Session:** A member of the public wished to make comment upon item 7.1 on the agenda. He was concerned that the property which already had a garage was applying to build a second garage with a ground floor of 54m and an upper storey, in his view unnecessarily large. The property already has a cesspit and he was concerned that a sewage treatment system is included in these plans for a garage. He felt this was a 'back door' way of building a house in an area where house building is very restricted.
4. **Minutes:** To approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4th June 2024.
RESOLVED: to sign the minutes as a correct record of the meeting.
5. **Reports from Members**
 - 5.1. Shropshire Council – Cllr Motley reported that once the General Election is over the council will be dealing with the same issues as before. In September she would like to get the Chairs and Clerks for the Corvedale together to look at the future of rural areas. She had received a letter of complaint from the Holiday Property Bond at Norton regarding the poor state of footpaths in the area. She will respond to them. There are issues with footpaths in the area of Norton Camp which may be insurmountable. Cllr Pike will review the paths with Mr Jeff Williams as part of the P3 group.
 - 5.2. Village Hall Committee– Cllr Mear reported that there will be a busy few months ahead. The D-Day celebrations were very well supported and she thanked Mr Peters Lines and Mr Mark Griffiths for their restoration of the beacon. There is a new yoga class starting on the 3rd July at 6pm. The team are busy marketing the hall and fundraising for the new extension.
6. **Highways**
 - 6.1. Update on the Speed Indicator Device at the Northern Entrance to Culmington Village: this is due to be installed at the end of July.
 - 6.2. Update on Application to Renew Desilting Licence for Seifton Brook: as the brook will not be desilted this year the application will be made in May 2025 aiming at the three-year licence beginning on the 1/7/25.
 - 6.3. Update on Report to Shropshire Council of Ditch on Seifton Lane: The highways engineer does not consider that clearing the ditch would improve the issue of standing water on Seifton Lane.
 - 6.4. Update on Manhole cover and Damaged Surface of Ford on Seifton Lane: A site history report had been reviewed by Councillors.
RESOLVED: to ask the Highways Engineer to check if the drain leading away from the manhole is blocked. The repair is in Shropshire Council's plan of work for this financial year.
 - 6.5. Consider the 50% Reduction in Environmental Maintenance Grant from Shropshire Council: due to financial pressures Shropshire Council have cut the grant to all Parish and Town Council's by 50% this financial year. This will not impact the Environmental Maintenance for this year but would in the following financial year.

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RESOLVED: to ask Cllr Motley to inform Shropshire Council that Culmington Parish Council would like to see the full grant reinstated in the next financial year.

7. Planning:

7.1. [24/02100/FUL](#) 6, The Laundry, Seifton, SY8 2DH. Erection of 3 bay garage with office/storage above, installation of new treatment plant, new discharge pipe to connect to ditch on agricultural land Applicant: Mrs Jeanette Price.

RESOLVED: to object on the following grounds a. Access to the site b. Need for an additional garage c. excessive size for a garage for the size of property d. need for a sewage treatment plant for a garage e. outflow from the sewage treatment plant f. tree preservation orders in place g. no plan for rerouting footpath during works.

8. Decide on an Emergency Officer: deferred to the next meeting.

9. Update on the Plans for the Empty Housing Association Property: Connexus have not yet decided whether to refurbish or sell the property. The Council's view that it favoured retaining it as a rental property was recorded by Connexus.

10. Update on the Blocked Bridleway: Shropshire Council are working with the landowner to clear the blockage on both the bridleway and footpath.

11. Finance:

11.1. Review the Bank Mandate:

RESOLVED: Signatories remain as Cllrs Pike, Alderson, Mear, Watts and Turley as signatories for cheques (two signatories required) and Cllrs Pike, Alderson and Mear and H Coonick (Clerk) for online bank (three signatories required).

11.2. Review the Finance Report and Expenditure Against Budget: As of the 10th June 2024 the Bank Accounts held £13,163.50 with income of £8,274.32 and Expenditure of £4,924.73 (which includes the vehicle activated sign).

RESOLVED: to accept the report.

11.3. Review the Bank Reconciliation and a Non-Signatory to Sign the Bank Statement

RESOLVED: Cllrs Holland and Seabrook signed the reconciliation as correct.

11.4. Authorise Payments:

11.4.1. H Coonick (reimburse for domain and software) £35.37,

11.4.2. D Lewis (Environmental Maintenance) £81

RESOLVED: to make payments 11.4.1 and 11.4.2.

12. Items for the Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 3rd September 2024: a. emergency officer b. Update on the blocked bridleway

Signed:

Date: